REMARKS

The claims of parent application Serial No. 10/102,997 were subject to a requirement for restriction and election of species as set forth in the Action mailed June 24, 2002. In response to that requirement Applicants elected Group I (containing Claims 1-7 and 12-31), with Species 1 (wherein Claims 1-5 and 12-31 read on the elected species), for prosecution in said parent application. The subject matter of Claims 6 and 7 (Group I, Species 2) is presented for examination in this divisional application.

Applicants reserve the right to file further divisional application(s) directed to additional disclosed subject matter not allowed in original parent application Serial No. 10/102,997.

Action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

If fee payment is enclosed, this amount is believed to be correct. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying-papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1645</u>.